



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2014 CANCUN NORTH AMERICAN WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS

20th to 23rd February 2014

Puerto Cancun Marina, Cancun

1 RULES

- 1.1 The events will be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing – Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR).
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 If there is conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SI's will take precedence. **This changes WCR 63.7.**
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5 Techno 293 Class Rules are amended as specified in NoR #8.4 and #8.5.

2 ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION & ADVERTISING

Event stickers, if supplied, shall not be cut, trimmed or modified in any way.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the race office located near the beach.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted at least 60 minutes before the scheduled start of racing on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located right on the beach.
- 5.2 When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag(s) or division flag(s), the signal applies only to that class(s) or division(s).
- 5.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, 'one minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 RACE FORMAT

- 6.1 There will be a maximum 3 races per day, in a maximum 12 races over 4 racing days.
- 6.2 Classes shall race separately.
- 6.3 Different divisions from the same class may race together.
- 6.4 3 races are required to validate the championships for each division.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1

Date	Time	Event
19 February (Weds)	09:00-13:00 19:00	Early Arrival and Training Opening Ceremony Nations Parade Las Palapas Public Park Cancun down town.
20 February (Thurs)	09:00 - 12:00 12:30 - 13:00 14:00	Registration and equipment inspection Skippers/Coaches meeting First possible warning signal
21 February (Fri) 22 February (Sat)	09:45-10:00 11:00	Skippers/Coaches meeting First possible warning signal
23 February (Sun)	09:45-10:00 11:00 16:30 19:00	Skippers/Coaches meeting First possible warning signal Last possible warning signal Prize Giving Ceremony at the Margarita's Hotel

- 7.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 7.3 To alert competitors that a race or sequence of races will shortly begin, an orange starting line flag, bearing "RC" in white letters, will be displayed with one sound for at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 7.4 The last possible warning signal on each racing day, except on 23rd February, will be no later than 17:30.
- 7.5 Skippers/Coaches meetings will be held right on the beach, at the race camp.

8 CLASS/DIVISION FLAGS

- 8.1 Class/ Division Flags will be as follows:

CLASS	DIVISION	FLAG
RS:X	9,5 Men	GREEN flag with RS:X insignia
	8,5 Women/Youth Girls & Youth Boys	PURPLE flag with RS:X insignia
Techno 293	All divisions	WHITE flag with Techno insignia

9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area is directly in front of the race camp.
- 9.2 The racing area is defined as an area extending 75m beyond the entire course in which a competitor would normally sail while racing.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 Appendix A shows the courses, including the course signals, approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.2 The courses to be sailed shall be indicated by writing the course code on a white board situated on the back of the race committee signal boat.
- 10.3 The number of time(s) on a beat to windward will be written along side the course code.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 Course marks will be cylindrical inflated orange buoys.
- 11.2 The starting marks will be a race committee signal boat at the starboard end of the start line and an inflatable yellow cylindrical buoy.
- 11.3 The finishing marks will be a race committee boat and a cylindrical inflated yellow buoy.

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using **WCR 26** with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag displaying "RC" in white letters on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 12.3 Competitors whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4 A competitor starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. **This changes WCR A4 and A5.**
- 12.5 When conditions are unfavorable, the race committee signal boat may hold its positions by the use of engines. It will not be grounds for redress. **This changes WCR 62.1(a).**
- 12.6 If a competitor fails to start or breaks RRS 30.3, the race committee will write her sail number on the race committee signal boat before the first competitor has finished that race. Failure to display the sail number(s) will not be grounds for redress. **This changes WCR 62.1(a).**

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14 SHORTENING COURSE

During the races, the race committee may shorten the course according to **WCR 32.**

15 THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag and cylindrical inflated yellow buoy.
- 15.2 When conditions are unfavourable, the finishing line race committee boat may hold its position with the use of engines. It will not be grounds for redress. **This changes WCR 62.1(a).**

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 A competitor that has taken a penalty or retired under WCR 44.1 shall complete an Acknowledgement Form at the race office as soon as possible and within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 Penalties for breaches of those instructions listed in SIs 18.5 and 18.6 (except SIs 20.1 and 20.2) will be 5 points penalty for each infringement. The penalty will be applied by the race committee to each race in which the instruction was infringed.
- 16.3 For the breaches of SIs 20.1 and 20.2, 5 points penalty points will be added to the next

race sailed.

- 16.4 Penalties for breaches of SIs 20.4: Failure to Sign-Out will result in 5 points penalty for the next race completed. Failure to Sign-In will result in 5 points penalty for the last race completed. If only one race is completed, failure to comply with this SI will incur only a 5 points penalty.
- 16.5 These penalties shall apply as follows:
- 16.5.1 They will be applied without a hearing. **This changes WCR 63.1.**
- 16.5.2. The scores of other competitors shall not be changed.
- 16.5.3. A competitor shall not be scored worse than a disqualified competitor.
- 16.5.4. They will be posted on the official notice board within the protest time limit.

17 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 17.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Finish Window	Target Time
RS:X CLASS	45	15	20	20/25
TECHNO 293 CLASS	45	15	20	20/25

- 17.3 Competitors failing to finish within the time stated in the finish window, after the first competitor in that division sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). **This changes WCR 35, A4 and A5.**
- 17.4 A race will be abandoned if either of the time limits is exceeded. **This changes WCR 35.**

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 Protest Forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 18.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last competitor of her class/division has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 18.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 18.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform competitors under WCR 61.1 (b).
- 18.5 Breaches of WCR 77 will not be grounds for a protest by a competitor. **This changes WCR 60.1 (a).**
- 18.6 Breaches of SIs 12.3, 20.1, 20.2, 23.2 and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a competitor. **This changes WCR 60.1(a).**
- 18.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. **This changes WCR 66.**
- 18.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. **This changes WCR 62.2.**

19 SCORING

- 19.1 The scoring will be Low Points Scoring System in accordance with WCR Appendix A.
- 19.2 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a competitor may complete a Scoring Enquiry Form available at the race office.
- 19.3 The scoring abbreviation for a penalty imposed under SIs 16 will be DPI.

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1 A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and shall complete a Retirement Declaration Form, available from the race office, within the protest time limit.
- 20.2 Competitors not racing for any of the racing days shall inform the race office.
- 20.3 Every competitor shall wear personal buoyancy at all times when going afloat, and whilst racing, that complies with NoR #14.
- 20.4 The safety system is in force at all times:
 - 20.4.1 When going out to race, each competitor intending to race shall personally sign against their name and/or sail number.
 - 20.4.2 On returning ashore, each competitor shall personally sign, against their name and/or sail number, within the protest time limit.
 - 20.4.3 Sign-out and Sign-in lists will be provided by the race committee.

21 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

- 21.1 A warning signal shall not be given until the wind velocity over the entire course area reaches a minimum of 4 knots for a minimum of 4 minutes.

22 EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT CHECK

- 22.1 As per WCR 78.1, competitors shall ensure that the equipments are maintained to comply with the respective class rules at all times, except as specified in SI 1.5.
- 22.2 All equipment used for the event shall be presented to the championship equipment inspector for signature, with a completed Equipment Registration Form.
- 22.3 Only registered and marked equipment shall be used in this event.
- 22.4 Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and the SIs according to the following procedures:
 - 22.4.1 Competitor may be instructed by the race committee or championship equipment inspector, either ashore or on the water, to proceed immediately to the inspection area for inspection.
 - 22.4.2 Until permission is given by the championship equipment inspector, a competitor once instructed to proceed for inspection, shall have no contact with any support personnel, no person shall join or leave the board, no equipment or other item shall be taken on or off that board and the board shall not leave the inspection area.
- 22.5 The championship equipment inspector may protest a competitor for an alleged breach of the class rules or SIs. **This changes WCR 60 and 78.3.**

23 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 23.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the championship equipment inspector.

- 23.2 **Replacement ashore:** Requests for substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be made in writing on a form available at the race office and delivered there for consideration. Any request shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 23.3 **Replacement afloat:** When an item of equipment is damaged or lost shortly before a race and is replaced, the competitor shall notify the race committee before the warning signal. As soon as practicable after coming ashore and within the protest time limit, the competitor shall comply with SIs 23.2 and the replaced item shall be presented to the championship equipment inspector.

24 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 24.1 All race committee boats will display a orange flag with letters 'RC' in white.
- 24.2 The jury boat will display a white flag with word 'J' in red.
- 24.3 The media boat will display a white flag with word 'MEDIA' in black.

25 SUPPORT BOATS

- 25.1 Support boats shall be registered at the race office and shall be required to comply with local legislation. Limited charter may be available.
- 25.2 Support boats with team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boards are racing from the time of starting sequence until all boards have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

26 TRASH DISPOSAL

Competitors shall not put trash into the water. Trash may be placed aboard support boats and race committee boats.

27 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 27.1 While on the water, a competitor shall not carry equipment capable of making radio transmissions or receiving radio communications, except for equipment provided by the organizing authority. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 27.2 For purposes of safety, coaches may monitor the race committee working channel, but cannot transmit on this channel except in the case of an emergency.

28 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded according to the NoR.

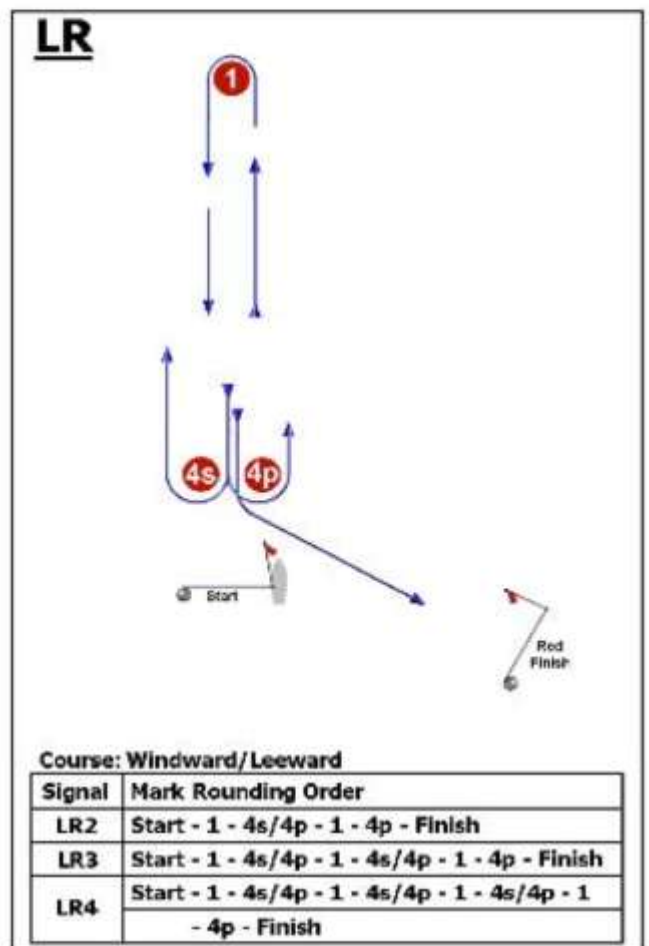
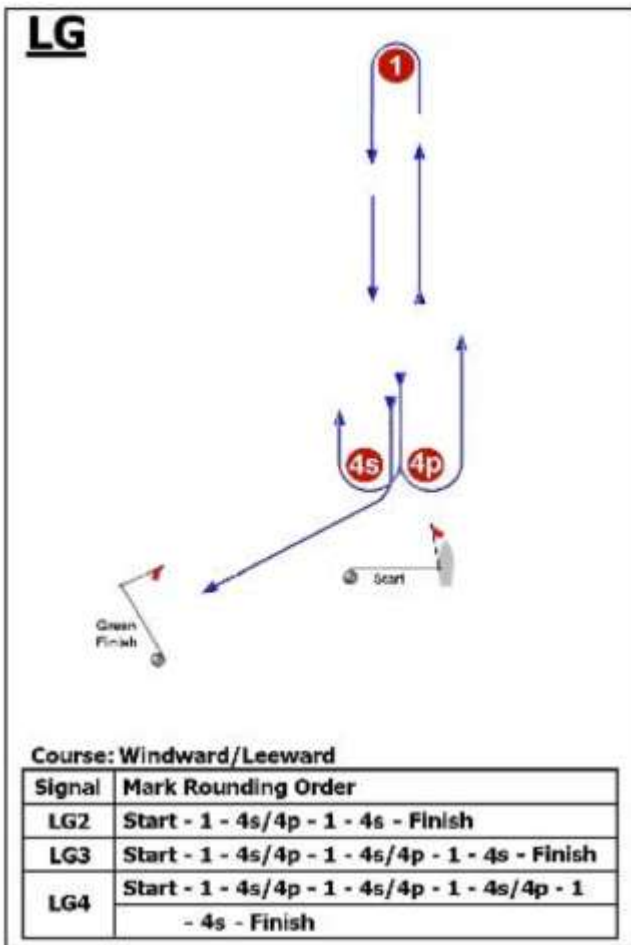
29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see RRS 4 - Decision to Race. The organising authority or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors representatives will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

30 INSURANCE

Each participating competitor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of USD\$500,000 per event or the equivalent.

APPENDIX A: RACE COURSES
 Course Codes – LG & LR



Length and angle of finish leg is variable for LG and LR courses.